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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

- 1. UNDER THE HEADLINE "BRITISH MAD AT CARTER," THE DUBLIN SUNDAY PRESS OF MARCH 6 CARRIED FOLLOWING ARTICLE"
- 2. "BACK HOME IN FERMANAGH AFTER A THREE-DAY VISIT TO GENEVA, INDEPENDENT MP AT WESTMINSTER, SAID YESTERDAY THAT BRITISH OFFICIALS THERE WERE 'HOPPING MAD' OVER AN APPARENT CHANGE IN AMERICAN POLICY ON THE 'IRISH QUESTION' UNDER PRESIDENT CARTER.
- " MR. MCMANUS WAS INVITED TO SWITZERLAND BY MR. ALLARD LOWENSTEIN, THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED NATIONS COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS AT GENEVA.
- " MR. LOWENSTEIN EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN THE 'RIGHTS' SITUATION IN NORTHERN IRELAND AND CONSULTED THE IRISH NATIONAL CAUCUS IN AMERICA, WHOSE LEADER IS REV. SEAN MCMANUS, A BROTHER OF FRANK.

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" THE CAUCUS NOMINATED MR. MCMANUS, WHO SUPPLIED A DOSSIER OF THE CASE HISTORIES OF PEOPLE ALLEGING TORTURE AGAINST THE AUTHORITIES, DESPITE RECENT UNDERTAKINGS BY BRITIAN THAT ILL-TREATMENT DURING INTERROGATIONS IN THE NORTH HAD STOPPED.

" MR. LOWENSTEIN UNDERTOOK TO STUDY ALL THE

INFORMATION SUPPLIED AND SAID HE WOULD RAISE THE ISSUE, IF NECESSARY, AT THE U.N. COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS.

" MR. MCMANUS SAID THAT HE REGARDED IT AS VERY SIGNIFICANT THAT DURING A SPEECH ON THE SUBJECT OF THE SELF-DETERMINATION' OF COUNTRIES, MR. LOWENSTEIN HAD MENTIONED IRELAND IN PARTICULAR.

" THIS IS SEEN AS A MARKED DEPARTURE FROM PREVIOUS AMERICAN POLICY, SAID MR. MCMANUS." CURLEY

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